(c) and the extent of roads repaired by the machine this year?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(a) Yes; the machine is intended for the maintenance of roads surfaced with gravel and laterite.

(b) Rs. 20,660.

(c) Roads to an aggregate length of 29 miles 3 furlongs and 141 yards were maintained so far during this maintenance season which extends up to Vrischigam 1113.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—What is the amount spent for the maintenance of that machine in that year?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Rs. 2,000.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—By working that machine was the Government able to make any gain after allowing cost of upkeep and depreciation?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Yes, a lot of savings.

Mr. President.—It is expected that we could make up the entire cost of the machine in a year.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Pazhayannur*).—We shall want one for the Panchayat also.

Mr. President.—We shall wait and see how it is working. After some experience if we find it worth while we shall consider.

Bharatha Bridge—lighting arrangements for.

202. **K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi)*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the lighting charge per mensem met by the Government to put lights on the Bharatha bridge;

(b) who is the present contractor;

(c) whether there are any paid watchmen for the bridge;

(d) if there are, why not the Government entrust them with the lighting work and thus make a saving in the lighting cost?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(a) Rs. 20.

(b) Mr. M. I. Koyamu is the contractor for the maintenance of the bride for 1112.

(c) Yes.

(d) A contractor is considered better than the watchmen to be in charge of the lighting arrangement.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*.—Are the Government of the opinion that a contractor can do it more efficiently than a paid servant?

Mr. President.—In some cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Is Mr. Koyamu a member of the Wadakkancheri Panchayat?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—Yes.

Co-operative Education—spreading of.

203. Mr. M. A. Sankunni *(Nominated)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have any definite policy for the spreading of Co-operative education in the State;

(b) if so, what is it;

(c) when was it started and how far successful;

(d) if the answer to the above (a), (b) and (c) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to consider the question favourably?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies)*.—(a) Yes.

(b) Education through the agency of the Cochin Central Co-operative Institute, Ltd.

(c) In 1100 and not quite successful.

(d) Does not arise.

Defaulters—Credit Co-operative Societies—increase of.

204. Mr. M. A. Sankunni *(Nominated)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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